

**Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, MaryAnn Lash, Rob Claypool, Charlie Allen (7:35 pm), Mel Michaels/Associate Member, David McKinnon/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

**Absent:** Alan MacMillan,

**Minutes.**

**05/21/14:** Chairman Neal moves to approve as written; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Stewardship**

Mr. McKinnon talks about beavers on Loop Pond and proper handling; photos are shown of some beaver solutions and mentions his work with Robert Callahan (*Beaver Solutions*) who can give discount for consulting with Rockport. Chairman Neal mentions DPW's past issues with financing a beaver solution; suggests site visit to area and asks for material cost estimate. Mr. McKinnon reminds RCC of correct permitting process (through BOH).

**New Hearings**

**RDA 14-07, Thomas & Kathi O'Malley, 8 Hillside Road (Map 3/Lot 2).** *Construct 6'x 30' porch to house within 100' of quarry pond.* Greg Cefalo is present for applicant and makes presentation; explains location of house near (~ 70 feet) offsite quarry; proposes porch to front of house using 4 hand dug sonotubes for support; driveway is between house and quarry. Chairman Neal moves to close the hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved**

**RDA 14-08, Rockport Conservation Commission, South Street Conservation Land (Map 28/Lot 20C).** *Improve landscape to land within 100' of coastal bank and within land subject to coastal storm flowage.* Chairman Neal has spoken with Joe Parisi (DPW Director) who is willing to do job when paperwork is done; says that Mr. Allen suggested filling hole with foundation material; discusses site visit observations; cinder block wall to be removed along with sumac in yard; grass will grow back; fence to be taken down and new signs erected. Mr. McKinnon notes that sumac is bird habitat; suggests not removing all sumac. Chairman Neal moves to close the hearing; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue a negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0. . **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved**

**Continued Hearings**

**NOI 62-0691, Ann & Normand Bosse, 34 South Street (Map 26/Lot 33B).** *Construct a 20' long granite retaining wall within 100' of an intermittent stream & isolated wetland.*

Applicants are present. RCC discusses site visit observations; no major concerns. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**Review Orders of Condition**

**NOI 62-0689, Gregory Cefalo, 39R Main Street (Map 35/Lot 36).** Mr. Claypool moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0.

**NOI 62-0690, David Mirabassi, 18 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 60A).** Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Other Business**

- **Follow-up: Enforcement Letter, Paul McGuinness, 6 Charles Street (Map 18/Lot 11).** *Installing a six (6) foot fence within 100' of intermittent stream without a permit.* RCC discusses site visit observations; fence is close to stream but is open at bottom for good wildlife passage; fence does not need to be removed. Chairman Neal moves to send letter to the owners; to include note that fence remain open at bottom to allow wildlife movement; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Stream Clearing – 43 Prospect Street;** Agent Falco went to site and noted slow moving stream in woods with many trees down; wrote letter to land owners allowing removal of some downed trees (only by hand) but no digging in stream.
- **Rockport & Climate Change/Sea Level Rise - Cameron Smith (Planning Board)** suggests action be taken in town to assess response to climate change and sea level rise. RCC supports public awareness and education; does not support spending money on issue; suggests following state “Adaptation Report”; will write memo to Mr. Smith outlining RCC response.

**Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.**

**8:45PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourned 8:45PM ◄ RCC*